

NEW EPISCOPAL BAN ON DIVORCEES URGED

Church Commission Adopts Sweeping Marriage Prohibition.

New York, Sept. 12.—If the recommendations of a commission, consisting of five bishops and an equal number of clergymen and prominent laymen of the Episcopal church, are adopted by the general convention at St. Louis in October, it will be impossible for divorced persons to be married by Episcopal clergymen.

The canon law has allowed an exception in the case of the innocent party, but this exception was carefully guarded against abuse. It required that twelve months must have elapsed after the granting of the divorce, and a copy of the court's decree and record had to be submitted to the bishop before any clergyman could officiate at such a marriage.

The commission ruled that more rigorous action is necessary, as divorce is increasing rapidly, especially in Western States. Lawyers declared collusion is widely practiced and it is becoming increasingly difficult to determine the innocence of either party to a divorce. The adoption of the proposed new canon, it was said, will afford great relief to many clergymen upon whom great social pressure is brought to solemnize such marriages.

This legislation does not affect cases where the marriage relation is annulled by the courts for causes arising before marriage.

The question as to whether divorced persons who have remarried by the civil authority or by a clergyman of some other church shall be admitted to the holy communion is to be referred by the parish priest to the bishop of the diocese, and his decision is to be final.

TWO FEDERAL HEALTH MEASURES PASSED UP

United States Public Health Service officials yesterday expressed disappointment at the failure of Congress to pass two bills which Federal officials declared were vital to public health. One provided an appropriation for the continuance of rural sanitation experiments and investigations and the other for the establishment of a national leprosyarium.

Health Service officials said mortality in rural districts is appalling. At least fifteen lepers were said to be at large in the United States.

Naval Squadron Returns.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 12.—The scout patrol squadron of the Second Naval district, in command of Commodore Stuart Davis, with Lieut. William D. Puleston, U. S. N., as military adviser, has returned to this port after a week of eventful maneuvers at sea.

Notes of Camp Ordway

Mess Sergeant Jules S. Fehr and Cook Lescallier, of Company A, went hunting yesterday morning and returned with about fifty dead birds.

The men of Company K are getting ready for the opening of the football season. Every day they practice passing and kicking on the company street.

Hurdling was commenced yesterday in Troop A, Cavalry. In columns of four they rode to the barrier and all but one or two stayed on the horses after they were over. Officers of the troop expressed satisfaction with the ability of the men to take up the new work.

Battery A men beg to announce that they have a gun which has been taught to hit only Villa. They are impatient for the moving orders so that they can prove what they say.

The transfer of Privates Earl McCarthy, Arthur T. King and James N. Coulehan from Troop A to Battery A, has been approved.

Company A is watching a keen competition between First Class Private C. R. Walker and Private "Regulation" Manning, formerly of First Infantry, Maryland National Guard, for the vacant corporality in the company.

Battery A now stands at 131 men since the enlistment of Richard L. Leach, of Rawlins, Md., and Joseph Smith, of Gaithersburg, Md. Come on boys, sign up, there's always room for one more.

Private Frank Ryan, stereotyper on The Times is with Company A.

Lieut. Rees, of Company F still has hopes of receiving a \$100 reward for discovering the body of a dead negro while the Third Infantry was engaged in a movement.

Don't forget the auction at camp at 3:30 o'clock today.

NEGRO ODD FELLOWS MEET.

Two Thousand Members of Supreme Lodge Present.

When E. C. Morris, of Chicago, grand master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, of America, called to order the biennial movable committee, the supreme governing board of the order, yesterday morning in Convention Hall, there were present fully 2,000 negro men from all parts of the country, while 400 members attended the session of the Household of Ruth, in the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church.

In calling the delegates to order, Grand Master Morris reviewed the last two years' work by States. He preached the doctrine of self-help.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by District Commissioner Louis Brownlow and others.

OFFICIALS PLANNING TRADE RETALIATION

Administration Prepares Action Under Revenue Law.

The administration yesterday began preparations for putting into effect the retaliatory provisions of the recently enacted revenue law, in the event that diplomatic negotiations fail to end discrimination against American commerce.

All commercial branches of the government began a detailed inquiry to develop specific cases of trade discrimination, to be submitted to the State Department as a basis for retaliation, if retaliation is decided to be necessary.

While the diplomatic negotiations now in progress as to the use of the British censorship as a means of meeting American trade competition are in progress, no retaliatory steps will be taken, but if these negotiations fail to bring about a satisfactory settlement, President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing will consider the advisability of establishing the trade embargoes authorized in the revenue law.

Secretary Lansing said yesterday that the department was making a careful study of the effect of the retaliatory authorizations, but that pending the outcome of diplomatic negotiations, they would not be made effective.

Meantime, the Department of Commerce and the Treasury Department were called upon to compile statements of the extent of discrimination against American trade. Both departments have received scores of complaints, most of them arising from the operation of the so-called British blacklist.

DISTRICT GUARDSMEN EAGER TO GO SOUTH

Assurances from all quarters are that orders for all units of the National Guard of the District of Columbia to enter the border will arrive within a few days. Enlistments have greatly increased since publication of news of the promised getaway.

The men will be on the Mexican border within two weeks, according to these reports, and that they will stay there until about December 1. This arrangement is expected to be satisfactory to all concerned, for valuable experience and a memorable trip will be provided and the soldiers will be home again before their tour of duty becomes monotonous.

"POLAR BEAR" CLUB FOR LOCAL SWIMMERS URGED

The Washington Swimming Club will hold a meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at Krazy Kamp, on the Potomac, to discuss the matter of club extension, including organized swimming sections in every part of the city for men and women, and the use of indoor pools for water polo, basketball and other sports.

One of the principle features of the meeting will be the consideration of a proposal by F. J. Brunner, amateur coach of the club, to organize a "Polar Bear" club for winter outdoor bathing.

Para-Typhoid Camp Opened.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 12.—A laboratory unit for the examination of millitars returning from the Texas border for para-typhoid fever has been opened at Camp Whitman by the State health department in co-operation with Federal army officers.

BAND CONCERT PROGRAM.

By the United States Soldiers' Home Band, John S. M. Zimmermann, director, at bandstand, this evening, beginning at 8:30.

March, "Semper Fidelis".....Sonoma Overture, "Sad".....Remini

Nocturne, "Monsters' Ball".....Waltz Fantasia, "Reminiscences of Ireland".....

For Trom, "Down Broadway Way".....Burt Waltz Suite, "Barcarolle".....Waldteufel

Finale, "I Love You, That's One Thing I Know".....Gilbert

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Nutshell News

Carrie S. Cook, of Baltimore, is the sole heir to the estate of the late Mary E. Brand, who died yesterday morning and has just been probated. The late Edwin B. Hay is named as executor.

Michael F. Boyle entered suit against John Plummer for \$10,000 alleged damages, in the District Supreme Court. Boyle declared he was hit by an automobile owned and driven by the defendant, and suffered permanent injuries. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney Andrew I. Hickey.

Frank Triplet, of 37 Fourteen-and-a-half street northeast, a bartender, will answer a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses in Police Court this morning. He was arrested yesterday, accused of having obtained quantities of cigars and cigarettes from wholesalers as the pretended agent of a retailer.

Madeline Snider, 13 years old, and Francis Henshaw, 12, were awarded honors yesterday at the Virginia avenue playgrounds, for successfully passing the athletic test.

Dr. Marvin A. Curtis, Kate Van Matre and Albert M. Snelling, are named as executors and are the chief beneficiaries under the will of Jane E. Minor, dated January 1, 1912. Other requests of personal belongings are made to friends of the deceased.

Students at McKinley High School who want lockers next year, will have to furnish their own locks and keys. The school is to avoid the expense of the old system, which involved deposits on keys held by students and frequent borrowings of the "pass" key.

The shipments of anthracite for the month of August, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information, at Wilkesbarre, amounted to 5,543,797 tons as compared with 5,462,127 tons for the corresponding month in 1915 and with 5,423,378 tons in July, 1916.

Comfort kits are needed more than anything else by the American soldiers on the Mexican border, according to telegraphic advices from the Red Cross Supply Depot in El Paso.

Secretary of the Interior Lane yesterday announced that in August nearly 100,000 acres of land were withdrawn in coal land withdrawals in New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, were restored to entry. About 3,500 acres formerly withdrawn for power in Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Wyoming were restored to entry.

Funeral services for John Boyle will be held at his late residence, in Silver Spring, Md., tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made at Rock Creek Cemetery.

Funeral services for Katherine Miller will be held at the late home, 450 H street northwest today at 2 o'clock, at the residence of the late Mrs. Miller. Interment will be made at St. Mary's Church. Interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Melville G. Curry, daughter of the late Bishop John M. Brown, will be held at the late residence, 1727 Ninth street northwest, today at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Funeral services for Joseph H. McCann will be held at Zurhorst's undertaking establishment Thursday afternoon. The place of interment has not been decided.

Funeral services for Mrs. Henry Sparr will be held today at 1:30 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Arlington Cemetery.

A \$10,000 hotel is one of the improvements suggested for Shiloh National Military Park, by the Park Commission, in its latest annual report to the War Department. The commission also urged the purchase of privately owned tracts inside and within the boundaries of the park.

Rev. Harry Bartmore Angus has resigned charge of Peck Memorial Church and as assistant pastor of the Church of the Covenant. After a vacation he will assume the pastorate of McDowell Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

B. F. Myers, financial secretary of Potomac Council, Knights of Columbus, has been promoted to a position in the office of supreme secretary of the order at New Haven.

Although there has not been any great change in the general types of hats worn by the men of the United States, according to figures of the Census Bureau, style changes during the five years ended 1914 have caused a decline of 25 per cent in production and a 22 per cent increase for the manufacturers of fur-felt hats.

By order of Postmaster General Burleson, flags on the city postoffice and the Postoffice Department buildings were at half mast yesterday as a mark of respect to Thomas L. James, formerly Postmaster General under Presidents Garfield and Arthur, and postmaster of New York City, who died in New York, Monday.

Extending its "safety first" campaign, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad management has issued a vest-pocket book of instructions to its employees in the maintenance of way department to protect train operation and the lives of the track workers.

Capt. Fred R. Brown, Ninth United States Infantry, has been detailed to relieve Capt. Irvin L. Hunt as assistant to Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs. While on this detail Capt. Brown has the rank and pay of a major.

Tungsten mines near Bishop, Inyo County, Cal., which were discovered in 1913, are to be opened soon and worked to meet the world-demand for tungsten which the war has occasioned. These deposits, while previously recognized as a source of copper, have only recently been found to be productive of tungsten as well.

All "one-leg-power automobiles" will be barred from the streets of the town of Takoma Park unless the kids equip them with rubber tires. Citizens complained that this type of vehicle causes great annoyance and the council has passed an ordinance forbidding use of the streets for the sport.

BOATMAN AGAIN SUES GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Edward S. Dean, proprietor of a boat house on the Eastern Branch, yesterday entered suit in the District Supreme Court for \$10,000 damages against the "Washington Gas Light Company, whose plant is located just above his boat houses. Dean charges that the light company has permitted sticky and oily substances to pollute the river to the detriment of his business of storing and repairing boats. This is the second suit of the kind the plaintiff has instituted, a similar action having been brought against the light company in 1914. It was compromised.

Alvin L. Newmyer is the legal representative of Mr. Dean.

Norwegian Steamer Sunk.

London, Sept. 12.—A Lloyd's dispatch announces the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Lyderhorn, 825 tons.

RETURNED GOODS CARRY DISEASE, SAY RETAILERS

Merchants' Association Planning Regulation of Evil.

The Retail Merchants' Association is inaugurating a movement to overcome the returned merchandise evil.

This practice between buyer and seller has come to be not only a great abuse in the National Capital, but its perpetuation constitutes a health menace to the entire community. While practically all of the stores have refused to take back bedding, hair goods and hair ornaments, neckwear and velvines, attention has not been fully given to the return of articles of apparel and for the home which are sometimes the means of the communication of disease.

It is to overcome this abuse and to prevent the spreading of contaminating influences among the customers and themselves, that the merchants of Washington, identified with the Retail Merchants' Association, are considering rules which will bring about proper safeguards for legitimate trade and the community health.

A set of rules has been prepared regarding returned merchandise and other trade evils which are now in the hands of a committee of the association, and as soon as a report is received from this committee the matter will be taken before the entire body of merchantmen.

Political Notes

New York, Sept. 12.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for President, will arrive in New York tomorrow from Plattsburg and will remain several days at the Hotel Astor to rest and to confer with leaders and officials of the national committee.

Mr. Hughes will start on another Middle Western trip next Monday. The itinerary has not been completed, but the first speech will be at the State fair at Springfield, Ill., September 19.

New York, Sept. 12.—Arguing in directly opposite directions, the rival national political chairmen here today used the result of the election in Maine to prove the certainty of the election in November of both Woodrow Wilson and Charles E. Hughes.

"When a United States Senator wins by only 1,000, as happened yesterday in Maine, I think it tells a very significant story," says Vance C. McCormick, Democratic national chairman. "We never expected to carry Maine, and the Republicans fell far short of the vote by which they said they would win."

William R. Wilcox, Republican national chairman, drew entirely different conclusions from the Maine result. He said: "I regard the election in Maine yesterday as an assurance of the election of Hughes and Fairbanks in November. The result has proved that we are again a united party. That means success."

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Samuel Seabury, Democratic candidate for governor, who is also opposing Gov. William D. Wadsworth in the gubernatorial primary, issued a statement tonight in which he termed the governor's so-called White Book "a plea of confession and avoidance, designed to confuse the issues and to cover a black record."

Mr. Seabury declares the White Book "consists of a statement by the governor praising himself, and in support of this self-praise he annexes a series of letters which he required his subordinates to write to him, in which they also commend the governor who appointed them and by whose favor they continue in office."

New York, Sept. 12.—Ex-Lieut. Gov. Thomas F. Conway, candidate for United States Senator in the Democratic primaries against William F. McCombs, will speak in Brooklyn on Thursday. At a meeting of Brooklyn business men in the Conway headquarters, 26 Court street, Conway managed to make a speech that was anti-McCombs nominees in Kings County for county, judicial, and legislative offices and for Congress were co-operating with the Conway forces.

Job E. Hedges, campaign manager for Robert Bacon, candidate for United States Senator in the Republican primaries, denied yesterday that the Bacon forces knew anything about an attempt on the part of William Barnes to stir up sentiment for Mr. Bacon. Mr. Barnes has written a letter to Republicans throughout the State asking support for Mr. Bacon.

New York, Sept. 12.—Vance C. McCormick, Democratic national chairman, left tonight for Indianapolis, to attend the formal notification of Vice President Thomas R. Marshall of his renomination. Chairman McCormick will go to Chicago before returning to headquarters.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—The most tempestuous primary campaign in Illinois' history came to a whirlwind close today. Tomorrow voters will go to the polls to nominate two State tickets, including candidates from seven Congressional districts, and various minor offices.

Three Republican gubernatorial aspirants—Col. Frank L. Smith, Col. Frank O. Lowden, and Morton D. Hull—made their final appeals to voters today. So close have the three men run during the campaign that on the eve of the election no one besides the most flagrant partisan would make any prediction as to the outcome.

The Republicans are encouraged by what threatens to become a most serious split in the Democratic ranks. Governor Edward F. Dunne was endorsed by the Democratic State convention and until two days ago had no opposition for renomination. But the Sullivan wing of the party pulled an eleventh-hour surprise by putting up William Brinton, with the subsequent result that much bitter feeling has been engendered.

New York, Sept. 12.—Democratic women organized for Mr. Wilson today.

At a luncheon given to Mrs. George Bass, member of the Democratic National Campaign Committee from Illinois, Mrs. H. O. Witten, wife of the mayor of Jersey City, was made chairman; Miss Virginia Potter, niece of the late B. P. Potter, secretary, and Mrs. Max Morgenthau, treasurer.

Headquarters will be opened in the Forty-second Street Building.

BACK TO RICHMOND FOR "HONEYMOON EXPRESS"

The "Honeymoon Express" or "Cupid's Special" will leave for Richmond, Va., tonight at 6 o'clock.

The license record at City Hall for the last two days have shown several marriages of couples from around Richmond, although none can be found who are willing to admit they came on the "Cupid Special."

Mrs. J. R. Gill, in charge of the excursion, has made an unsuccessful effort to get the names of those who were married.

Yesterday was spent in sight-seeing by the 400 people who came on the trip. One party, under Mrs. Gill, went to Mt. Vernon and another party chartered a big "rubberneck runaway" and took in the sights of the city.

Purely Personal

Col. George A. Ames and Mrs. Ames have returned from a few days' outing at Old Point Comfort. They were entertained by Gen. Joseph F. Smith, commander of the Soldiers' Home at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Fittler and family, of Rosemont, Va., arrived at the Willard Monday.

Mrs. Edmonds and daughter, Miss Kate, have returned to the city after spending the summer at Castlemans Ferry, Va.

Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Shefferman have returned to the city after a trip through Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sheiry are at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Connor, who have been summering in the suburbs, are again occupying their home on Ontario road.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene G. Adams soon will leave their apartments in Columbia road and move into apartments at 2833 Ontario road.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Owen, of 1718 Lanier place, are in camp on the Potomac.

Lieut. Alva Lee, U. S. A., is at the Willard for a short stay. He was recently stationed at El Paso, Tex.

John Sinaubaugh will leave today for a short visit to Warrenton, Va.

Mrs. George Bolling is in Washington for a short visit.

Miss Katherine W. Pilchard, of Potomac City, Md., who has been visiting Mrs. Mary W. Sheetz, 322 I street northwest, will leave for her home today. Miss Pilchard will stop off in Baltimore to see relatives.

Mrs. Jessie Hall Waters is visiting relatives at their summer home on the Severn River, Md.

Miss Helen Davis has returned from a month's vacation spent at Warrenton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Alexander Cannon have returned from an extended trip through Virginia.

Tom Lawrence will leave on a business trip to Chicago, today.

Edward F. Martin, of Boston, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Mackey, of C street southeast, left yesterday for St. Louis.

Miss Mary J. McElaney, organizer for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, left last night for Richmond, Va.

Thomas J. Haggerty, of the St. Alphonsus Athletic Club, of Roxbury, Mass., left for his home city yesterday with trophies won by members of the club at the Labor Day regatta.

Miss Marie Josephine Summers, who has been on a sightseeing tour of the Capital as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hughes, will leave today for Niagara Falls, from which city she will return to Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Howard, of Carroll street southeast, returned yesterday from an extended vacation spent at Belle Island, Detroit.

Patrick J. Howard left yesterday for Chicago, where he will aid in the campaign of Representative McAndrews for re-election.

Miss Hope Evelyn Wells, of the Capitol clerical force, leaves today for a mountain-climbing tour, which will be spent in the heart of the Presidential range of the White Mountains. She will return in early December.

Joe English has gone to Fresno, Cal., and will return when Congress convenes in December.

Caldwell Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hill, of Washington, are registered at the Grand Hotel, New York City.

Miss Estelle Faith Chipperfield, who has been stopping at the New Varnum, is an entry for the fall tennis tournament at the Longwood Cricket Club in Brookline and will compete for the amateur women's championship. Miss Esther McConnell and Mrs. McConnell, of Dupont Circle, also will attend the Massachusetts tournament.

Rev. J. McBride Sterrett, rector of All Soul's Episcopal Church, has returned from his vacation and resumed the duties of his parish.

Misses Virginia and Dorothy Coe have returned from Mt. Jackson, Va.

Mrs. F. S. Bright is in New York.

Dr. Gerry Morgan has returned from his summer home in the hills of New Hampshire.

Miss Louise Lewis is home from a visit to Round Hill, Va.

Miss Holland Flitts has gone to Monterey, Pa., where she will be the guest of Miss Jane Gregory, daughter of the Attorney General.

Plague Spreads in Connecticut.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 12.—There are 600 cases of infantile paralysis in Connecticut, according to returns made to the State board of health, fourteen new cases having been reported from various parts of the State.

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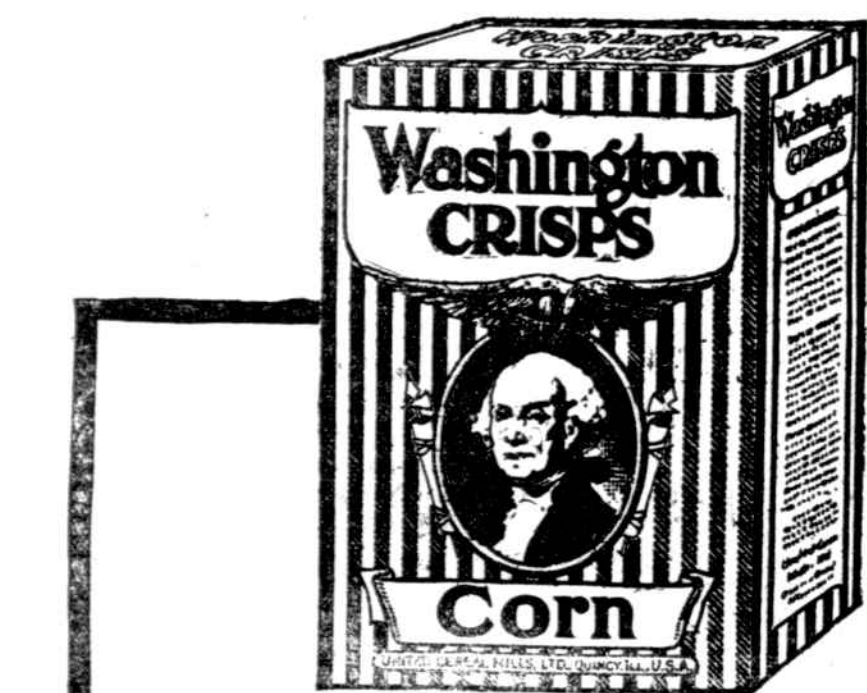
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